

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously presented) A method for testing computing devices, the method comprising:

providing a plurality of suites of test programs on a server for execution by one or more computing devices that are coupled to said server, wherein said suites are represented in a plurality of formats;

converting said suites to a common representation;

processing said common representation in said server to define suites of converted test programs; and

downloading said converted test programs from said server to said computing devices for execution thereof by said computing devices.

2. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising controlling from said server said execution of said converted test programs by said computing devices using no more than one test harness.

3. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said converting said suites to said common representation includes converting said suites to a common intermediate format, and thereafter converting said common intermediate format to a native format for use during said processing of said common representation in said server.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 3, wherein said common intermediate format is a markup language.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 4, wherein said markup language is XML, and said suites are converted into XTRF files.

6. (Previously presented) A computer readable storage medium comprising program instructions, wherein the program instructions are computer executable to:

input a plurality of suites of test programs on a server for execution by one or more computing devices that are coupled to said server, wherein said suites are represented in a plurality of formats;

convert said suites to a common representation processing said common representation to define suites of converted test programs;

download said converted test programs to said computing devices for execution thereof by said computing devices; and

control said execution of said converted test programs by said computing devices.

7. (Previously presented) The computer readable storage medium according to claim 6, further comprising program instructions that are computer executable to control, from said server, said execution of said converted test programs by said computing devices using no more than one test harness defined therein.

8. (Previously presented) The computer readable storage medium according to claim 6, wherein said converting said suites to said common representation includes converting said suites to a common intermediate format, and thereafter converting said common intermediate format to a native format for use during said processing of said common representation in said server.

9. (Previously presented) The computer readable storage medium according to claim 8, wherein said common intermediate format is a markup language.

10. (Previously presented) The computer readable storage medium according to claim 9, wherein said markup language is XML, and said suites are converted into XTRF files.

11. (Previously presented) A server apparatus for testing computing devices, comprising:

a communication interface for coupling a plurality of said computing devices therewith; and

a processor configured to provide a suite of test programs for execution by said

computing devices that are coupled to said server apparatus, and to download said test programs via said communication interface for execution by said computing devices coupled thereto, wherein said processor is further configured to control said execution by said computing devices;

wherein said test programs are initially input to said server apparatus in a plurality of formats, and said processor is further configured to convert said plurality of formats into a common format for download thereof to said computing devices.

12. (Previously presented) The server apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said server apparatus is configured to convert said plurality of formats into said common format by converting said plurality of formats into a common intermediate format, and thereafter converting said common intermediate format to said common format.

13. (Original) The server apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said common intermediate format is a markup language.

14. (Original) The server apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said common intermediate format is XTRF.